

Biblical Perspectives on Mission Today

Some literature for preparation (optional) for the “Biblical Perspectives” Session, ERM C Summer School 2009

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The literature listed here offers a brief introduction to the field, and some studies of specific issues, with an emphasis on accessibility. More detailed bibliographies will follow in the relevant session at Summer School. It is difficult and in any case not entirely helpful, in my view, to separate works that are specifically 'biblical' from those that are not: I have therefore included some items that do not foreground biblical material but that are nevertheless of some help in this regard. The list also covers a broad range of viewpoints, though there is of course always more. The foundational text for the whole field is (still) the massive book by David Bosch (1993), which covers a good deal of biblical material as well. The annotated 'reader' edited by Thomas (1995) is designed as a source text book to accompany Bosch's work, and Nussbaum's summary (1995) is a short introduction to Bosch. – I have highlighted a few items I personally found particularly useful as introductory texts (asterisk = *).

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